

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:

Total Abstinence: Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Text and Content of the Amendment.

This amendment will be "No. 10" on the amendments ballot, and will read as follows:

"PROHIBITION. The manufacture of intoxicating liquor is hereby prohibited in this state, except for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes. The sale of intoxicating liquor is also hereby prohibited in this state except for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes. The manufacture or sale of wine for sacramental or religious purposes is also excepted."

The language of the amendment is brief and unambiguous. Both the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor are absolutely prohibited any where and every where in the state, except for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes. If the amendment carries, the manufacture and sale of any kind of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes will be in violation of law. According to Missouri supreme court decisions, a constitutional amendment, prohibitive in character, is self-enforcing immediately it is adopted by a vote of the people. So if there is a majority vote for the amendment November 8, Missouri will be legally a dry state November 9.

The Panic of the St. Louis Brewers.

A few months ago, the St. Louis brewers were laughing at the prohibition movement. Now, it is said, they are wearing buttons bearing the words, "Save St. Louis." They will probably wear crape upon their hats and place it on the door knobs of their breweries after the election. They say they will have to leave the state if their business is destroyed. We know of no people who are able to go. Missouri was far happier before they came. There was far less of sin and sorrow and tears and suffering and crime and death. Thousands of wives whom they have widowed will bid them a glad farewell. Myriads of children whom they have made ragged and hungry will clap their bony little hands as they go.

A great brewer exclaimed a few days ago in an interview, "If prohibition carries, St. Louis will be a graveyard." These men ought to have thought about graveyards as they were offering one boy out of every five families in Missouri as a sacrifice on the altar of the god of wine. They ought to have thought about graveyards during all these years while they have cheered old Bacchus, as seated in his chariot he has driven his tigers up and down the streets of our cities and over humble homes crushing out the lives of innocent women and children.

And now these men have sent their agents to Kansas City and, while these words are being written, they are in a big hotel pleading to a meeting of our citizens for help. When did they listen to a cry of distress? When did they heed a widow's moan or an orphan's wail? They are talking about the destruction of property and vested rights. The Supreme Court of the United States in passing upon this very point in one of their cases, has held that they are the great prolific producers of "disease" and "suffering" and "violence" and "crime," and have no vested rights.

The plea that these men are making, that St. Louis will be ruined if the saloons and breweries are overthrown, is against reason and the testimony of all history. God never intended that genuine success should come from sin. He has never permitted any city or nation to attain to permanent commercial glory through iniquity. Every owl that hoots where Babylon stood proclaims this. The ashes of Sodom and Gomorrah attest this. It was attested when the eternal City herself died drunk. Imperial St. Louis must get rid of her saloons and breweries or die drunk.—The Citizen.

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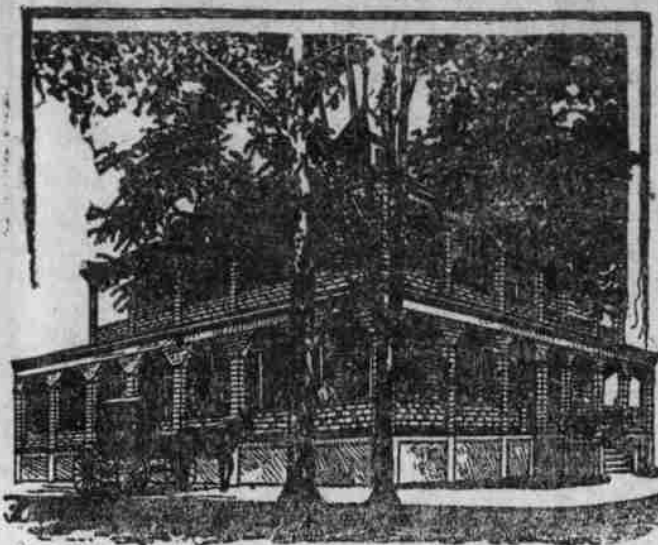
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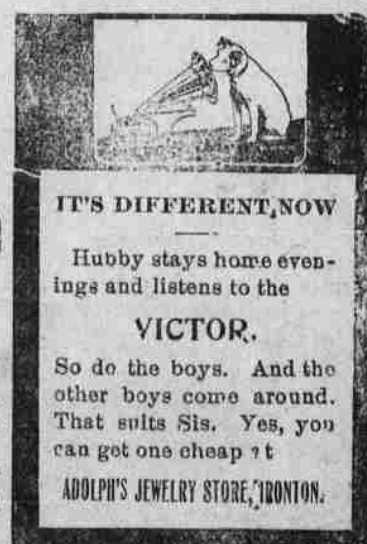
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